

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is the basis for a Christian's sure foundation?
2. Why is a sure foundation important?
3. How do we transition from the milk of the Word to the meat of the Word?

SUMMARY:

The Apostle Peter in writing to Christians reminded them of their new birth in which they were born again, not of mortal seed, but of One who is immortal, namely the Word of God which lives and will last forever. He exhorts them to lay aside sin and crave the Word of God by which they will be nourished spiritually and be enabled to grow. The "Word" is not a cleverly devised fable, but rather a revelation of the power and coming again of Jesus Christ. This Jesus whom the builders rejected has been made the Chief Cornerstone, on whom, if any will trust in and rely upon Him, will never be disappointed or put to shame.

God's Word and His Son constitute a foundation that is sure, immovable, everlasting and will result in an abundant life here and a home in glory beyond this life. [\[SoF:8,10\]](#) May many build upon this foundation.

NOTES:

[\[SoF:1\]](#) We believe that the Bible is inspired by God, and is the complete, infallible Word of God.

[\[SoF:7\]](#) We believe that sinners may have salvation by repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.

[\[SoF:8\]](#) We believe that a saving faith results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, without which there is no salvation. [\[SoF:10\]](#) We believe that both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; the saved unto life eternal and the lost unto eternal damnation.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #11

December 10, 2023

Fourth Quarter

THE CHRISTIAN'S SURE FOUNDATION

LESSON TEXT: *1 Peter 1:22 through 2:8; 2 Peter 1:15-21*

LESSON SETTING: Written in Rome

TIME: About 64 or 65 A.D.

I. THE ABIDING WORD. 1 Peter 1:22-25; 2 Peter 2:2

- A. Word Purifies [\[SoF:8\]](#) (vs. 22) John 15:3; 17:17
- B. Word is a Seed (vs. 23) Mark 4:14-15
- C. Word Endures (vs. 23) Psalm 119:89; Matthew 5:18; 24:35
- D. Word is Food (vs. 2) Psalm 119:103; Matthew 4:4

II. THE SURE FOUNDATION. 1 Peter 2:3-8

- A. Faith in Christ [\[SoF:7\]](#) (vs. 6) John 1:12; 11:25-26; John 20:31
- B. Christ the Cornerstone (vs. 7) Acts 4:11-12; Ephesians 2:20; 1 Corinthians 3:11

III. THE INSPIRED SCRIPTURES. [\[SoF:1\]](#) 2 Peter 1:15-21

- A. Proof of Christ's Authenticity (vs. 15-18)
Matthew 3:16-17; 4:23-24; 17:1-3; Luke 24:39; Acts 1:3
- B. Proof of the Word's Authenticity (vs. 20-21) Acts 3:18;
2 Timothy 3:16

GOLDEN TEXT: *AS NEWBORN BABES, DESIRE THE SINCERE MILK OF THE WORD, THAT YE MAY GROW THEREBY.* 1 Peter 2:2

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: 1 Peter 2:9-25

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Deuteronomy 7:1-11;
Hosea 1:1-11; 1 Timothy 4:12

QUARTERLY THEME: The Early Church

TOPIC: THE CHRISTIAN'S EXAMPLE

INTRODUCTION:

Our walk in the Lord should be a shining light to all with whom we come in contact. In Galatians 5:16, we are told to "walk in the Spirit." Philippians 2:5 tells us to "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus," and in Ephesians 6:10, it said "Finally, my brethren be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." We are told to love one another and to be holy even as He is holy.

How is it possible to walk in the Spirit, have the mind of Christ, the strength and power of God, to be filled with love and to be holy? Only in receiving the presence of the Holy Spirit can we live according to His will. We cannot be pleasing in His sight by doing rituals, ceremonies, obeying rules and regulations if our hearts and minds are not under His control.

Christ actually lives within us by our faith. He it is that fills our hearts with love, that strengthens us with His might, that fills us with the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:16-20) that we may live in the Spirit and be Christ-like examples.

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." (Philippians 2:13)

CENTRAL TRUTH: Jesus left for Christian believers a pattern of Christian conduct.

GOLDEN TEXT: ... CHRIST ALSO SUFFERED FOR US, LEAVING US AN EXAMPLE, THAT YE SHOULD FOLLOW HIS STEPS:

1 Peter 2:21

When Peter wrote these words he had learned by experience that all who lived godly lives would suffer some measure of persecution in this evil world. So he encouraged all who are chosen and "elect by the foreknowledge of God, the Father" (1 Peter 1:2) to suffer patiently for Christ's sake, as he had first suffered for us all.

How wonderful is the love of Christ, who was willing to suffer first for us, even to death on the cross! He does not ask us to endure anything which He Himself has not endured. "For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin." (Hebrews 12:3-4)

Christ's love for us should increase His love in us, so others might learn of His love through us.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 11 – 17

Mon. A Holy People. Deuteronomy 7:1-8
Tue. A Much Loved People. Deuteronomy 7:7-15
Wed. An Example to God's People. Hosea 1:1-11
Thu. Demonstrating the Gospel. 1 Timothy 4:12-16
Fri. *A Special People. 1 Peter 2:9-15
Sat. *A Strict Rule. 1 Peter 2:16-20
Sun. *A Glorious Example. 1 Peter 2:21-25

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